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Applicant(s): Masashi SUGANO

Serial No. : 09/758,002

Filed : January 9, 2001

For : IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS
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Art Unit : 2622

Examiner : C. Lee

RESPONSE - 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 1,
2004, the term for response to which expires on May 1, 2004.

ELECTION:

Applicant hereby elects Species a, shown in Figs. 1 and 2,
for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Claims 1-7 are readable on Species a (Figs. 1 and 2).

It is respectfully submitted that this paper is fully
responsive to the outstanding Office Action, and it is
respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed
with respect to elected Species a, Figs. 1 and 2, claims 1-7.